SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—The representations of the Member are noted. In regard to the taxing of Sirkar buildings, reduction of the staff, pensionary contribution and matters like these, the whole Committee will have to consider the questions in all aspects and submit definite proposals for the consideration of the Government. The Government grant to the Committee will not, in any event, be increased.

The need for improving some of the existing roads and constructing new roads in the Kayankulam town.

Mr. A. Krishna Pillai (Member, Trading Classes, Kayankulam) observed that the question of roads in the Kayankulam town and its suburbs was moved in the Assembly during the various sessions by himself and other Members and yet no works were carried out till now. He therefore requested early attention to the following roads :—

(1) The Kayankulam market road should be improved and gutters provided on either side of the same.

(2) The road from the Kayankulam market northwards to Muttom should be improved for a distance of two furlongs up to the limits of the town.

(3) The road from Kayankulam to Haripad should be improved for a distance of six miles up to Nangiarkulangara.

(4) The road from the Kartikappalli bridge to Thirkunnapuzha Arattukadavu should be improved and the bridge at Kartikappalli repaired.

He also requested that a road from the northern extremity of the Kayankulam market eastwards to the canal and another from the proposed road southwards to the canal through the eastern market, should be newly constructed.

Dewan's reply.— The Chief Engineer will be asked to expedite the several works pending execution in, or sanctioned for, the town of Kayankulam.

105. The need for increasing the Government grant to the Kayankulam Town Improvement Committee.

Mr. E. N. Kesava Pillai, B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Kayankulam) said that the town of Kayankulam stood very high in the rank of the towns of the State on account of its large volume of land trade. That the importance of Kayankulam as a trading centre was acknowledged by the Government was evident when they allowed the merchants of Kayankulam, along with the other older T. I. C. towns, to return a Member to the Popular Assembly. The Committee had not sufficient funds at their disposal to attend to the bare needs of the town. The Government grant would be just sufficient for meeting the establishment charges of the Committee. The receipts from house-tax, license fees, scavenging fees etc. would not bring in an appreciable amount in that town, as the taxable houses were few, though the town was more extensive than most of the minor towns. The Committee had no extra source of income, as in the cases of the Alwaye and Vaikom Committees. The Member therefore prayed that the grant to the Committee should be raised at least to Rs. 2,000, the minimum grant allowed to the five older towns.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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